

READING 48 SAMPLE READING ASSIGNMENT FOR EARLY IN THE COURSE

Read the passage below. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the best answer to each question that follows.

1 A community college can be a better fit for some students than a four-year university. 2 Why is this the case? 3 First, class schedules are much more flexible. 4 Because 80 percent of community college students work full-time or part-time, classes meet at night and on weekends. 5 Next, hundreds of community colleges can be found right in the middle of—you guessed it: communities. 6 These colleges are easy to access by car or local transit systems. 7 If students don't want to or can't afford to go away to college, community college is an excellent choice. 8 Community colleges also offer a wide range of course choices. 9 There are classes in arts, sciences, humanities, business, and social science. 10 In addition, there are practical training and certificate programs. 11 These include medical assistance, auto mechanics, and cosmetology. 12 Such programs can quickly lead to employment. 13 Finally, after graduation, students can transfer to four-year universities. 14 Applying to and transferring into a B.A. or B.S. program can be easy. 15 In some cases, it is even guaranteed.

1. In sentence 1, which word contains a consonant blend?
 - A. better
 - B. students
 - C. college
 - D. four
2. In sentence 6, the word **access** means
 - A. do well in
 - B. get to
 - C. walk past
 - D. afford
3. In sentence 12, the word employment has the suffix, **ment**, which means
 - A. similar to
 - B. without
 - C. full of
 - D. state of being
4. The main idea of the passage is stated in
 - A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 3
 - C. sentence 7
 - D. sentence 8

5. Eighty percent of students at community colleges
- A. have dropped out of a four-year university.
 - B. transfer to four-year universities.
 - C. work full-time or part-time.
 - D. live within a mile of their community college.

Answers = 1. B 2. B 3. D 4. A 5. C